Welcome to the Riverside Church

Interdenominational · Interracial · International · Open · Affirming · Welcoming

Worship is at the center of the life of The Riverside Church. As you prepare yourself for Worship, we invite you to reflect quietly on these words:

“Love is the only way to put out this fire, love and listening and the hard work of changing”

- Margaret Renkl

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The Liturgical Year

The Riverside Church follows the liturgical calendar to mark the seasons of our life together. We are currently in the Season after Pentecost, also known as Ordinary Time. It is signified by the green paraments and clergy stoles that represent new life and growth. Ordinary Time is observed from Pentecost until the beginning of Advent.

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GATHERING
We gather as a community and prepare our hearts to worship God

CARILLON
Prelude
Theophil Rusterholz
Charles, Semowich, Carillonneur

ORGAN
When In Our Music God Is Glorified
McNeil Robinson

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY
Rev. Michael Livingston

CALL TO WORSHIP
One: Lift up our eyes to the hills where our help comes from the Lord!
All: The Lord is a help to all! All who breathe shall be heard by the Lord.
One: This help will keep us and protect us, for each one thrives in the body of Christ.
All: This help will guide us and inspire us to work united as one body in Christ.
One: Through this light of the world we will find life for all people.
All: Full of life we welcome God's help as we worship as one.

OPENING HYMN 371
Lift High
Crucifer
Refrain:
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,
The Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God. (Refrain)

Each newborn servant of the Crucified
Bears on the brow the seal of Christ who died. (Refrain)

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
Your death has brought us life eternally. (Refrain)

So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory. (Refrain)

INVOCATION
Rev. Jim Keat

LISTENING
We listen for the word of God through song, Scripture, and preaching

PRESENTATION OF SCHOLARSHIPS
Dr. Emily Anderson & Rev. Bruce Lamb
RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

EPISTLE LESSON
1 Corinthians 12:12-26
(page 174 in the New Testament)
One: The Word of God for the People of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LESSON
John 1:1–14
(pages 91 & 92 in the New Testament)
One: This is the Gospel of Christ.
All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON
Identity, Pride and Protest

PASTORAL PRAYER
One: The Lord be with you.
All: And with your spirit.
One: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them up unto the Lord.

RESPONDING
We respond to the hearing of God’s word through prayer,
passing the peace, offering and monthly communion

THE LORD’S PRAYER
Pray in the language or version of your heart.

Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE
One: The peace of the Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

Clarence Anderson
OFFERTORY SOLO
Gott ist unser Sonn’ und Schild! (Cantata 79) Johann Sebastian Bach
God is our true sun and shield! We thus tell abroad his goodness with our spirits ever thankful, for he loves us as his own. And he shall still further guard us though our foes their arrows sharpen, and when bark the hounds of hell.
sung in German

Daiyao Zhong, mezzo-soprano

THE DOXOLOGY
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host;

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION Rev. Debra Northern
Today we celebrate the ministry of our Scholarship Committee, which offers scholarships to accredited colleges, universities and vocational programs for youth involved in the ministry programs of the church. Every year The Millennial Scholarship Program awards thousands of dollars in scholarships to youth involved in our ministry programs.

CLOSING HYMN 393
Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said Bourdon
Take up your cross, the Savior said,
If you would My disciple be;
Take up your cross with willing heart,
And humbly follow after Me.

Take up your cross, let not its weight
Fill your weak spirit with alarm;
Christ’s strength shall bear your spirit up
And brace your heart and nerve your arm.

Take up your cross, heed not the shame,
And let your foolish heart be still;
Thy Lord for you accepted death
Upon a cross, on Calvary’s hill.

Take up your cross, then, in Christ’s strength,
And calmly every danger brave:
It guides you to abundant life
And leads to victory o’er the grave.

SENDING
We are sent out into the world to love God and our neighbors

BENEDICTION Rev. Lamb

POSTLUDE
Praeludium in C (BWV 545) J. S. Bach
Welcome to the newest members of our Riverside Church family who joined June 14, 2020

Jean Chung
Madelyn DuBose
Carla DuBose-Simons
Ji Hyun Lee
Lavern Mitchell
Carolyn Mitchell
Shem Rajoon

Congratulations to our 2020 Riverside Hawks Scholarship Recipients:

Azirel Almodovar
Teneisia Brown
Chioma Iroka
Skylar Laboy
Bismark Nsiah

Special thanks to our congregational leaders: Clarence Anderson & Rannie McCants
ABOUT RIVERSIDE
The Riverside Church is an interdenominational, interracial, international, open, welcoming, and affirming church and congregation. The church is a member of the American Baptist Churches, U.S.A. and the United Church of Christ. Riverside cooperates with the Council of Churches in the City of New York and with the New York State, National, and World Council of Churches. Whoever you are: You are safe here. You are loved here. You are invited into full participation in our life together.

Rev. Michael Livingston, Interim Senior Minister
Rev. Dr. James Forbes, Senior Minister Emeritus

RIVERSIDE EMAIL LIST
Are you receiving our weekly emails? Check your junk folder, add us to your “safe sender list,” or visit trcnyc.org/Email to sign up. We want to make sure that you know all the latest news and events at The Riverside Church!

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY
For announcements of programs and events at The Riverside Church, please visit trcnyc.org/Events for more information and to download a copy.

WORSHIP ONLINE & ALL WEEK LONG
If you need more Riverside worship throughout the week, visit trcnyc.org/DigitalDiscipleship to watch the Sunday morning Livestream, videos of the sermon and the choirs, and more. Be sure to watch The Word Made Fresh, our weekly video Bible Study, and catch up on Be Still and Go, our devotional podcast.
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